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#### Hi Sadep

We received correspondence regarding the issue with the cable corridor width. We understand that PINS will be accepting late scoping responses as a result. Having reconsidered our position in light of the recent Boreas development we now would like to make the following comments (see below).

### Regards

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#### Graham

Well spoted. I've added some comments for inclusion in a response.

https://www.equinor.com/en/how-and-why/impact-assessments/dudgeon-and-sheringham-extension-projects.html

- 782. Similar to this construction phase no decision has been made on a preferred base port for the offshore operation and maintenance of DEP and SEP. Therefore, it is proposed to scope out of the assessment the onshore traffic and transport impacts of offshore operation and maintenance activity
- 783. A separate planning exercise will be undertaken to consider traffic and transport impacts in context with any permitted development rights established at the selected site(s).
- 784. It is therefore proposed to scope out the operational traffic and transport effects from the FIA

SCC note that the location of the operational and maintenance port facilities for this project are not identified but will come forward as separate planning applications. If a port in or adjacent to Suffolk is selected then we would expect SCC to be a consultee. We would also expect any impact to be assessed cumulatively against other such NCIPs planed or being delivered.

787. Consultation with the highway authorities (Norfolk County Council and Highways England) will seek to identify any significant developments that could have a cumulative impact with the construction phase of DEP and SEP (e.g. the widening of the A47, other Nationally Significant Infrastructure projects, large residential development over 100 homes etc.

SCC would expect to be concultied if there are any impacts on either the local or stratigic road network in Suffolk, for example if Lowestoft or another location was the orgion or destination for transport movements.

790. The principal guidelines for the assessment of the environmental impacts of road traffic associated with new developments are the 'Guidelines for the Environmental Assessment of Road Traffic' (GEART) published by the Institute of Environmental Assessment in January 1993. The guidance provides a framework for the assessment of traffic borne environmental impacts, such as pedestrian severance and amenity, driver delay, accidents and safety; and noise, vibration and air quality.

SCC have stated in their response that the GEART assessment does not provide a full picture of transport impacts on local roads being primarily an environmental tool. HE have also raise reservations on the appropriateness of GEART for transport assessments in there response to Norfolk Boreas.

Table 3-27 Proposed baseline surveys

Survey/study	Timing	Spatial Coverage
Traffic Counts	Latest year available	Baseline annual average daily traffic flows for all road and A roads.

SCC would have reservations using the 'latest data available' if this is over two years old.

Regards steve

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